

WHEREAS, more than 5,600 businesses are located in Rockville, employing more than 88,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Rockville businesses are major employment generators for Montgomery County, and the City of Rockville has over three jobs per Rockville household; and

WHEREAS, the greater Rockville business area includes over 36 million square feet of commercial office space, which is more than 50% of the total office space in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the Rockville business sector contributes \$13.7 million, or 39% of the property taxes collected, to the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of the business community is vital to our City's economic growth and prosperity, and we applaud the efforts of the men and women who contribute to their growth and success,

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville do hereby proclaim March 11-15, 2013 as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Rockville, and encourage all citizens to join in this special recognition.

Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio

Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.

Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton

Councilmember Mark Pigrzchala